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Don't Do It, Mr. President

It's a bad idea. There's no need for it. There's great danger in doing it. America is against it, and Congress should be. The United Nations is against it. The Russians, the Chinese, the Indians, and the Pakistanis are against it. The whole world is against it. Our allies are against it. Our enemies are against it. The Arabs are against it. The Europeans are against it. The Muslims are against it. We don't need to do this. The threat is overblown. The plan is an hysterical reaction to a problem that does not yet exist. Hysteria is never a good basis for foreign policy. Don't we ever learn? Have we already forgotten Iraq? The plan defies common sense. If it's carried out, the Middle East, and possibly the world, will explode. Oil will soar to over \$100 a barrel, and gasoline will be over \$5 a gallon. Despite what some think, it won't serve the interests of Israel. Besides-- it's illegal. It's unconstitutional. And you have no moral authority to do it. We don't need it. We don't want it. So, Mr. President, don't do it. Don't bomb Iran! The moral of the story, Mr. Speaker, is this: if you don't have a nuke, we'll threaten to attack you. If you do have a nuke, we'll leave you alone. In fact, we'll probably subsidize you. What makes us think Iran does not understand this?